

East Germany

REPORT

Soviet Troops Entrained in Magdeburg

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Troop trains loaded at the Magdeburg-Brueckfeld, formerly Magdeburg-Friedrichstadt railroad station on 24 April 1953 included:

At 11:45 a.m. A train consisting of 24 flatcars with sideracks, 12 flatcars and 10 boxcars occupied by troops, and carrying 12 T-34 tanks

and trucks. A captain and 2 EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets were on the locomotive, which was connected with the last car by a telephone line. The train left toward Biederitz.

At 3:30 p.m. A train consisting of 14 boxcars with equipment, and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 8 boxcars occupied by troops, 7 SSY-type flatcars, 8 flatcars and 20 flatcars with sideracks carrying 7 x 76.2-mm AA guns, an undetermined number of 25-mm AA guns, 4 trucks with 4 x 76.2-mm AA guns, and 7 trucks. The train left toward Biederitz.

At 9:30 p.m. A train consisting of 5 boxcars occupied by troops, 6 boxcars loaded with equipment, 3 SSY-type flatcars and 27 flatcars with sideracks carrying 3 trucks with 76.2-mm AA guns, 1 truck with a 25-mm AA gun, and 27 trucks.

On 24 April, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail, the Anger Kaserne by 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, the Zuckerbusch Kaserne by 100 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, and the Herrenkrug Kaserne by 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The Encke Kaserne was occupied as previously.

Comment. On 24 April, a shipment of tanks of the 19th Gds Mecz Div was probably dispatched to Letzling Heath and two shipments of medium AA guns of the 3d Gds AAA Div presumably went to Wustrow. the loading of tanks, probably of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, as early as 17 April. The information on the barracks installations indicates that, on 24 April, not all the units of the division had left for summer training. The partial occupation of the Flak Kaserne corresponds to the situation after the departure of the AAA units of the 3d Gds AAA Div to Wustrow.

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